

FREDONIA

Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Fredonia, on the east side of Kanab Creek, is Arizona's northern-most town, four miles south of the Utah-Arizona border in the Arizona Strip, a portion of Arizona north of the Colorado River between the Grand Canyon and Utah. This area has remained relatively unspoiled by urbanization because the Canyon effectively cuts the strip off from the rest of the state. Fredonia was founded in 1865 by Mormon settlers from Utah seeking freedom from federal laws against polygamy. The name was given by Mormon Apostle Erastus Snow and is a combination of free and donia, Spanish for woman.

FOUNDED: 1865

COUNTY: Coconino County

DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 342 miles

HIGHWAYS: US 89A; SR 389

ENTERPRISE ZONE AVAILABLE

INCORPORATED: Yes - 1956

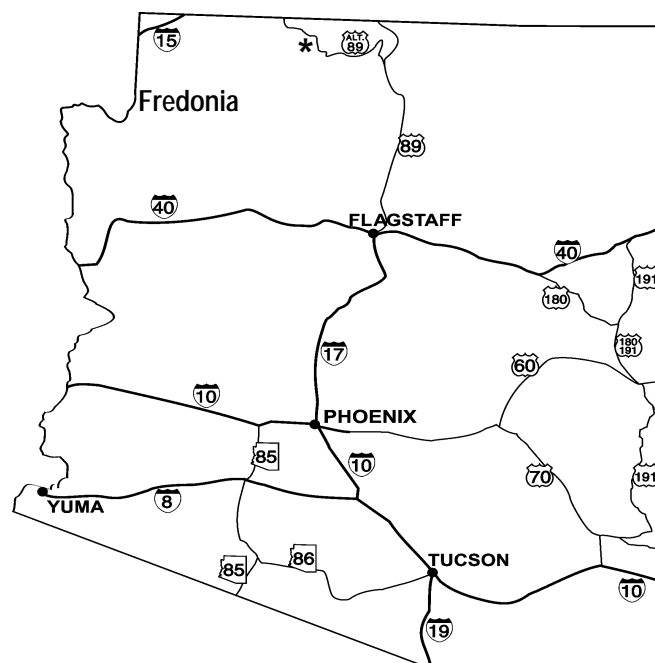
ELEVATION: 4,800 feet

DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 453 miles

POPULATION

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2003</u>
Fredonia	1,207	1,036	1,105
Coconino County	96,591	116,320	128,925
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,629,870

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and U.S. Census Bureau.



PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

The economy of Fredonia is based primarily on tourism and agriculture. Fredonia's central location in relation to recreational areas in northern Arizona has made it an attractive warehousing point for expedition outfitters and guides. A significant portion of this activity is related to river trips for tourists down the Colorado River.

<u>County Employment</u>	<u>2003</u>
Construction	2,650
Educational & Health Svcs	6,725
Financial Activities	1,500
Government	18,750
Information	450
Leisure & Hospitality	10,950
Manufacturing	2,950
Professional & Business Svcs	3,000
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	9,325

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security

Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

Major Private Employers

Canyon Country Cabinets	Crown Asphalt
Peterson Logging	Red Hills Manufacturing
Reidhead & Sons Trucking	

Major Public Employers

Arizona Dept. of Economic Security	Fredonia Elem. & High School
Town of Fredonia	US Soil Conservation

LABOR FORCE DATA

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2003</u>
Civilian Labor Force	556	729	763
Unemployed	24	39	45
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	5.3%	5.9%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

<u>Growth Indicators</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2003</u>
New Bldg. Permit	5*	14	21
Taxable Sales (\$)	3,708,650	5,608,750	4,161,250
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	3,015,774	3,506,495	4,122,550

Sources: Arizona State University; AZ Dept. of Revenue; AZ Tax Research Foundation

*Incomplete Data: One or more months not available

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

The Arizona Strip provides unparalleled attractions. It encompasses nearly 5.1 million acres of land and is often called the gateway to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. Local scenery includes Vermillion and Shinorump Cliffs, Coral Pink Sand Dunes, Steamboat Rock, and numerous canyons and Indian ruins. The North Rim of the Grand Canyon is 75 miles south and the 741,000-acre Kaibab National Forest, with picnicking, rock hunting, camping and hunting, located less than 20 miles southeast. Just hours away are Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, Cedar Breaks National Monument and Coral Pink Sand Dunes Utah State Park. Lake Powell, Glen Canyon and Lake Mead National Recreation Areas, Historic Pipe Springs National Monument and the Kaibab National Forest are also nearby.

TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2003
Elem/High School	5.45	6.61	3.71
City/Fire District	0.80	0.00	0.91
Countywide	1.66	1.71	1.81
Total	\$7.91	\$8.32	\$6.43

Sources: Arizona Tax Research Foundation
Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation.

NOTE: School district participates in the Coconino Association for Vocation, Industry, and Technology (CAVIAT).

Sales Tax Rate

City	2.00%
County	0.80%
State	5.60%

Sources: League of Arizona Cities and Towns, Arizona Dept. of Revenue

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Fredonia offers community facilities that include a library, three parks, a senior citizen center, a swimming pool, two lighted tennis courts, several softball and Little League fields, basketball and volleyball courts.

Educational Institutions

	Public	Private
Community College	Y	N
Elementary	Y	N
High School	Y	N

Financial

Banking services are available in nearby Kanab, Utah (7 miles north).

Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Volunteer

Law Enforcement: Town Marshal

Airports Nearby Kanab, Utah Airport with 5,300-ft.

hard-surfaced/lighted runway and an additional 2,640-st. unpaved runway.

Medical

Nearest medical clinic in Kanab, Utah.

Hotel and Lodging Facilities

Number of Rooms: 55

Meeting Rooms: 2

Capacity of Largest Facility: 500

Industrial Properties

For more information contact the Town of Fredonia.

Utilities

Electricity	Municipal (Fredonia)	928.643.7241
L.P. Gas	Coast Gas, St. George, Utah	801.634.0552
Propane	AmeriGas (Utah)-Coastal Gas	801.644.2915
Sewer	Septic tanks	
Telephone	South Central Utah Telephone Assn.	435.826.4211
Water	Municipal (Fredonia)	928.643.7241

Cable Providers: Yes

Cable Internet Service Provider: No

Digital Switching Station: No

Fiber Optics: Yes

Internet Service Provider: Yes

Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total Precipitation (Inches)
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	
January	18.2	45.8	1.13
February	20.5	51.9	0.73
March	25.0	58.9	0.86
April	31.4	68.2	0.54
May	37.6	77.0	0.48
June	46.1	87.4	0.35
July	54.7	93.4	0.79
August	53.3	90.8	1.19
September	44.5	84.2	0.70
October	34.8	72.7	0.76
November	25.3	58.5	0.86
December	19.0	47.9	0.87
Yearly Avg	34.2	69.7	9.25

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1948-1975. Average Total Snowfall 22.3".

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